

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 were previously canceled without prejudice. Claims 37, 47, 50, and 56 were amended and new claims 71 – 78 were added in the 12/16/2004 response. Claims 37 – 78 are pending.

Terminal Disclaimer

Applicants thank the Examiner for telephoning the undersigned attorney about a terminal disclaimer regarding US6699497.

In response, Applicants herewith submit a terminal disclaimer disclaiming the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted from the instant application over US6699497. Withdrawal of rejection is respectfully requested.

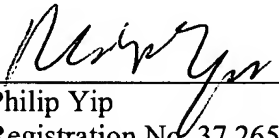
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the pending claims are novel and nonobvious over prior art and comply with the requirements of 35 USC 112 and 35 USC §101. The examination and passage to allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (650) 564-7054 to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this response.

Applicants hereby authorize the Director to charge Deposit Account 10-0750 the \$130 fee for filing a Terminal Disclaimer, as set forth in the accompanying fee transmittal sheet. If it is determined that underpayment or overpayment has been made, the Director is authorized to debit or credit the said deposit account, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

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